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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HIDETSUGU GOTO : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/JP03/15542)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: GENE IMPROVING :
TEMPERATURE-TOLERANCE OF :
ACETIC ACID BACTERIUM,
ACETIC ACID BACTERIUM BRED
USING THE GENE AND PROCESS
FOR PRODUCING VINEGAR
USING THE ACETIC ACID
BACTERIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

A clean copy of the **Replacement Abstract** is attached at the end of this paper.